

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Purpose of Partnership: The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) has secured funding for a project entitled “Promoting Rigorous Career and Technical Education Programs of Study Initiative” (RPOS) from the United States Department of Education (USDOE), through a competitive grant process, for four years, beginning October 1, 2010. Continued funding for the project after 2010-11 is subject to availability of funds through USDOE and the meeting of required performance measures. The purpose of this MOU and partnership is to implement the RPOS grant awarded to KSDE by the USDOE. This memorandum of understanding (MOU) sets forth the roles and responsibilities of the parties (secondary and postsecondary public educational institutions [partners] and two state agencies) and is entered into for the purpose of carrying out activities funded and authorized under the USDOE created RPOS program.

Therefore, the parties to this MOU, KSDE, the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR), Wichita Public Schools, Derby High School, Emporia High School, Nemaha Valley High School, Butler Community College, Flint Hills Technical College, Hutchinson Community College, Manhattan Area Technical College, Wichita Area Technical College, and Fort Hays State University, agree as follows:

Partner Commitments: Each partner secondary or postsecondary educational institution signing this MOU will be responsible for ensuring that the project is implemented in the manner outlined by USDOE in the Cooperative Agreement between USDOE and KSDE, which agreement is attached hereto and marked as “Exhibit A” and which is incorporated herein as though fully set forth. Each partner agrees that it will:

1. Actively participate in all project tasks as needed and as assigned by the project director and project manager, and implement specific tasks promptly and thoroughly, to adequately support the project;
2. Actively participate in all aspects of the project, as outlined in the project deliverables included in the Cooperative Agreement between KSDE and USDOE, and as updated by USDOE;
3. Work with all other project partners to successfully implement dissemination of project information;
4. Designate an authorized person who shall participate in all project meetings (in person, or by teleconference or webinar) and if that person’s attendance or participation is not possible, who shall appoint an informed designee who shall attend/participate in their place;
5. Perform tasks that are necessary and reasonable to further the goals in the agreement adopted herein, including but not limited to: a) share all relevant information with partners, KSDE and KBOR; b) participate in all internal (KSDE/KBOR) and external (USDOE/KSDE/KBOR) evaluations of the project, including providing all data as requested by USDOE/KSDE/KBOR for purposes of meeting project deliverables and as relates to the project evaluation; c) provide a budget to KSDE for RPOS funds budgeted to that school/institution for each year that funding is made available, prior to funds being made available and/or disbursed; and
6. Both secondary and postsecondary partners will only use funds allocated under this MOU in accordance with the terms of Exhibit “A” and the RPOS grant goals, and in support of the ten

enumerated RPOS grant "Design Frameworks:" 1) Legislation and Policies; 2) Partnerships; 3) Professional Development; 4) Accountability and Evaluation Systems; 5) College and Career Readiness Standards; 6) Course Sequences; 7) Credit Transfer Agreements; 8) Guidance, Counseling and Academic Achievement; 9) Teaching and Learning Strategies; and 10) Technical Skill Assessments.

KSDE Commitments:

1. KSDE will serve as fiscal agent for the project;
2. KSDE will serve as the lead agency on this project, and will provide both the Project Director and Project Coordinator who will lead and assist in grant implementation activities; and
3. KSDE will provide funding available through this initiative to the partners, as outlined in the RPOS approved budget which is attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "B," and is incorporated herein as though fully set forth;
 - a. For secondary schools, funds will be available via electronic drawdown; and
 - b. For postsecondary institutions, funds will be available on a reimbursement basis following approval of reimbursement requests by KSDE.

KBOR Commitments:

1. Because of the collaborative nature of this project and the participation by postsecondary educational institutions, KBOR has designated a Project Manager (Zoe Thompson) who will take a leadership role in this initiative, at the direction of the KSDE Project Director. KBOR reserves the right to modify the assignment of a Project Manager dependent on internal personnel availability;
2. The KBOR Project Manager will be the primary contact for partner postsecondary institutions;
3. KBOR, through its Project Manager, will assist KSDE and postsecondary partners in meeting grant goals, including the deliverables as outlined in this MOU and the cooperative agreement (Exhibit "A") between USDOE and KSDE; and
4. KSDE will reimburse KBOR for all allowable travel expenses incurred by the KBOR Project Manager in connection with this project in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between Kansas Board of Regents and Kansas State Department of Education, attached hereto and marked as Exhibit "C," which is incorporated herein as though fully set forth.

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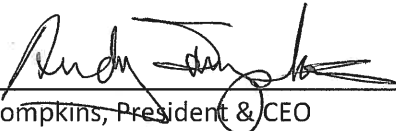
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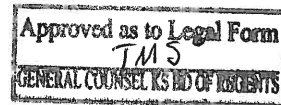
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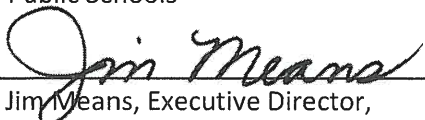
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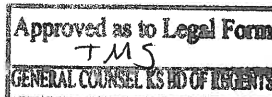
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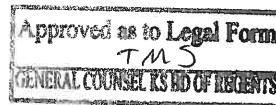
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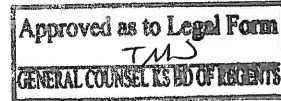
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By: Jackie Vieth
Jackie Vieth, President

Date: July 5, 2011

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